



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is requesting public comment on proposed 2012 Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations. Additional information is below. For review and comparison, hunting regulations may be found on the Hunting home page at the fwp.mt.gov website.

2012 Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations – Proposed

Below are proposed changes for 2012 Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations. All other season elements are proposed to be unchanged from the 2011 regulation booklet.

The 2012 Early Migratory Bird Season proposals include an additional week of hunting for Rocky Mountain Population (RMP) sandhill cranes, relative to 2011. Season dates would change for mid-continent cranes due to calendar progression with no change in season length. Additionally, a permit quota is proposed for the new Broadwater County hunt area and there is a proposed adjustment to the 380-01 quota.

- Add one week to the RMP crane season. Proposed dates for RMP sandhill cranes (special drawn permits): September 8-September 30
- Season dates for mid-continent sandhill cranes: Sept. 29– Nov. 25
- Increase 380-01 (Dillon/Twin Bridges area) permits from 75 to 100
- New Broadwater County RMP crane hunting area (390-01) quota: 10 permits

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINES AND FINAL ADOPTION MEETINGS

The deadline for public comment on the proposed 2012 Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations is 5:00 PM Monday, July 30, 2012. Final adoption on these items will be made at the August 2, 2012 FWP Commission meeting.

TO MAKE COMMENT

For further clarification, you may call the Wildlife Bureau office at 406-444-2612. To submit comments electronically, this letter with the imbedded links below can be found under “Opportunity for Public Comment” on the Hunting home page at the fwp.mt.gov website. Written comments can be sent to: FWP – Wildlife Bureau, Attn: Public Comment, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701.

Please note comment deadline.

Imbedded Links to Submit Public Comment

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<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/earlySeasonMigratoryBirdRegs.html>